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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

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WASHINGTON, June 2--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following recent developments in world agriculture and trade:

GRAIN AND FEED

CANADA announced on May 26 the signing of a five-year grain agreement with the Soviet Union under which shipments of grain (primarily wheat) to the USSR would begin Aug. 1. Soviet purchases during the first year of the agreement are for a minimum of 4 million tons and will escalate by 500,000 tons annually until the final year of the agreement when purchases reach 6 million tons. Thus, a minimum of 25 million tons will be shipped over the five-year period. Prices under the agreement are to be negotiated every six months.

As with past Canadian - Soviet contracts, quantities under the new agreement will include those delivered to Cuba and will include wheat flour. Over the five years through 1979/80, Canada's grain exports to the Soviet Union, including those to Cuba, have averaged about 4 million tons each year, of which slightly over 1 million tons have been destined for Cuba. However, Canada's exports to the Soviet Union in 1980/81 are likely to exceed 6 million tons.

AUSTRALIA'S Bureau of Statistics has indicated that farmers are expected to sow a record 12 million hectares of wheat during 1981/82, up about 500,000 hectares from the 11.475 million-hectare initial estimate of plantings last season. Rains in late May have encouraged sowings after pre-planting moisture deficiencies threatened to limit area.

DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

TURKEY'S agricultural officials have expressed interest in building up that country's dairy and beef cattle herds through imports of U.S. live cattle and semen. Many Turkish officials feel that U.S. cattle are superior to livestock from other exporting countries. Prospects for U.S. semen exports are currently somewhat better than exports of live cattle because of the high costs of transporting live animals. The United States did not export any live cattle or semen to Turkey in 1979 or 1980.

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OILSEEDS AND PRODUCTS

BRAZIL'S exports of soybeans and products during January-April 1981 substantially exceeded those of a year earlier, according to preliminary shipping data. The Soviet Union and India are the major country recipients to show substantial increases. The data are as follows, in 1,000 tons.

	January - April	
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
Soybean exports to:		
European Community	38.7	5.0
USSR	0	118.8
Other countries	5.0	22.0
Total	43.7	145.8
Soybean meal exports to:		
European Community	1,154.0	1,239.3
East Europe	160.0	259.4
USSR	0	141.5
Other countries	254.0	301.0
Total	1,568.0	1,941.2
Soybean oil exports to:		
India	18.9	216.1
USSR	28.5	58.4
Iran	52.3	37.6
Other countries	9.3	26.9
Total	109.0	339.0

TOBACCO

In POLAND, cigarette shortages continue. At present the shortage is estimated at 5.5 billion pieces and stocks are exhausted. Production for January through April of this year was 12.4 percent less than in the same period in 1980. During May, production was 20 percent less than for the same month of 1980. The shortages have resulted from insufficient supplies of cigarette paper, package wrapping paper and glue, all of which are imported. It is unlikely that hard currency will be allocated for imports of these items in the near future. The industry will concentrate on production of lower quality cigarettes which are in the greatest demand. Filter-tipped cigarettes will continue to be in extremely short supply.

INTERNATIONAL WEATHER AND CROP SUMMARY

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Rotterdam Prices and E.C. Import Levies:

Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam, the Netherlands, compared with a week earlier and a year ago:

Item	June 2, 1981	Change from previous week	A year ago	
	\$ per m. ton	\$ per bu.	€ per bu.	\$ per m. ton
Wheat				
Canadian No. 1 CWRS-12.5%.....	1/	1/	1/	1/
U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%.....	205.50	5.59	+09	192.50
U.S. No. 2 DHW/HW: 13.5%.....	205.00	5.58	+14	200.60
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.....	159.50	4.35	+08	177.00
U.S. No. 3 H.A.D.....	219.00	5.96	-05	239.00
Canadian No. 1 A: Durum.....	1/	1/	1/	261.00
Feed grains:				
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn.....	160.50	4.08	+14	136.25
U.S. No. 2 Sorghum <u>2/</u>	159.00	4.04	+03	148.00
Feed Barley <u>3/</u>	159.50	3.47	+07	149.00
Soybeans:				
U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....	301.50	8.21	+03	257.25
Argentine <u>4/</u>	295.50	8.04	+04	251.00
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal (M.T.)..	258.00	--	-1.00 <u>5/</u>	218.50
EC Import Levies				
Wheat <u>6/</u>	93.35	2.54	-02	132.65
Barley.....	71.75	1.56	+06	121.10
Corn.....	65.65	1.67	-05	140.90
Sorghum.....	64.20	1.63	+03	129.90

1/ Not available.

2/ Optional delivery: U.S. or Argentine Granifero Sorghum.

3/ Optional delivery: U.S. or Canadian Feed Barley

4/ Optional delivery: Brazil yellow.

5/ Dollars per metric ton.

6/ Durum has a special levy.

Note: Basis June delivery.

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